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I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. USINT CAIRO BELIEVES USG YOUTH EFFORT IN EGYPT CAN BE DIRECTED TO FOLLOWING CATEGORIES. IT IS PROBABLE THAT OTHER CATEGORIES (I.E., YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS, YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS) HAVE GREATER POTENTIAL FOR ASSUMING FUTURE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS; BUT UNDER PRESENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES, USG NOT ABLE TO DIRECT ITS EFFORTS TOWARD THESE CATEGORIES.

10 PERCENT YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

10 PERCENT YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

25 PERCENT YOUNG MEDIA PROFESSIONALS

25 PERCENT YOUNG UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

10 PERCENT YOUNG BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

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15 PERCENT YOUNG ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS

5 PERCENT YOUNG MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

B. CONSIDERING PRESENT STRUCTURE OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, IT SEEMS THAT YOUTH WITH GREATEST PROMISE OF POWER AND INFLUENCE WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO COME FROM THE ARMY AND ARAB SOCIALIST UNION (ASU). THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN INDIVIDUALS AND, PERHAPS, IN SOCIO- ECONOMIC CLASS OF PERSONS WHO WILL LEAD THE ARMY AND ASU IN THE FUTURE; BUT IT SEEMS THAT THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE AS LIKELY AS ANY OTHER TO PROVIDE SOME KIND OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP FOR EGYPT.

C. NO PARTICULAR GROUP CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS BEING EXPECTED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON US INTERESTS IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

II.

A. OBJECTIVES

60 PERCENT - MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE US

20 PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES

20 PERCENT - ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS

B. RATIONALE: CONSTRICTED POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND EGYPT PREVENTS USINT CAIRO FROM ATTEMPTING TO PURSUE MORE DIRECT AND IDEAL OBJECTIVES SUCH AS " ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP;" " DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS," ETC.

UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, MOST REALISTIC GOAL WE CAN HOPE TO ACHIEVE IS SEEK DIALOGUE ON SUBJECTS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFLICT AND TO NURTURE THE FEELING OF RESPECT FOR THE UNITED STATES THAT IS STILL HELD BY GREAT MANY OF THE WESTERNIZED INTELLIGENTSIA IN EGYPT.

WE CAN ALSO ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES ON NON- MILITARY AND NON-

POLITICAL SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST SUCH AS NARCOTICS CONTROL, WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, PUBLIC HEALTH, FOREIGN TRADE, ECONOMIC AID, ETC.

THROUGH EMPHASIS OF ROLE OF MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN U. S. EDUCATION AND SOCIETY, WE CAN ENCOURAGE INDIRECTLY AND DISCREETLY PRAGMATIC AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO SOLUTION OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

III.

USINT DEVOTES MOST OF ITS HIGHLY LIMITED AVAILABLE STANDARD RESOURCES TO OTHER THAN YOUTH AUDIENCES DUE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE SUSPICION THAT WOULD FALL UPON US IF WE ATTEMPTED TO DIRECT MORE OF OUR RESOURCES TOWARD YOUTH GROUPS.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IN DISSIDENCE WITH SADAT REGIME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING PAST TWO YEARS. USINT ATTEMPTS TO DIRECTLY CONTACT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, LEADERS OR OTHERWISE, WOULD BE VIEWED WITH EXTREME DISPLEASURE BY CURRENT REGIME.

5 PERCENT EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS
20 PERCENT CU FULL- YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS

5 PERCENT CU FOREIGN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)

5 PERCENT CU FOREIGN PROFESSORS (RESEARCH)

10 PERCENT AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)

5 PERCENT AMERICAN PROFESSORS (RESEARCH)
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20 PERCENT CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES

30 PERCENT USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING

A. NO COMMENT.

B. USG COULD EXPAND ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ITS YOUTH OBJECTIVES BY EXPLORING PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES WITH US PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS BASED IN CAIRO SUCH AS FORD FOUNDATION, AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER OF EGYPT, AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO.

C. NO PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN EGYPT.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF " YOUTH"

A. LOW

B. THEORETICALLY, " YOUTH" HAS HIGH PRIORITY IN RELATION TO TOAL US INTERESTS IN EGYPT. PRACTICALLY, DUE TO CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION AND CONSEQUENT HAZARDS TO WHICH USINT WOULD BE EXPOSED IF IT CONCENTRATED ON THE YOUTH AUDIENCE , WE HAVE DECIDED IT IS BOTH PRUDENT AND WISE TO DEPLOY OUR EXTREMELY LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES IN OTHER AREAS.

C. 1. PERSONNEL TIME

(A) EIGHT OFFICERS ATTACHED TO USINT DEVOTE SIX PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL TIME TO " YOUTH ."

(B) CONTACT WORK - 20 PERCENT
REPORTING - 5 PERCENT
PROGRAM WORK - 75 PERCENT

(C) STATE - 50 PERCENT
USIA - 50 PERCENT

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES
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WE DEVOTE A FAIRLY SIZEABLE PORTION OF LIMITED RESOURCES WE HAVE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES TOWARD YOUNG EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENTSIA WHO PROBABLY HAVE ONLY MODEST PROMISE FOR FUTURE POWER AND INFLUENCE . WE THINK THE EFFORT WORTHWHILE BECAUSE, THROUGH IT, WE REINFORCE THE GENERAL EGYPTIAN RESPECT FOR US SOCIETY, POSSIBLY INFLUENCE THOSE WHO WILL HAVE INFLUENCE ON FUTURE POLITICAL LEADERS, AND ALSO BECAUSE CURRENT POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP PREVENTS US FROM COMMUNICATING WITH MOST LIKELY FUTURE POLITICAL LEADERS (I. E., YOUNG ARMY OFFICERS, POLICE, ASU OFFICIALS AND YOUTH MOBILIZATION DIRECTORS, ETC.). THUS, PERCENTAGES OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE STATE/ USIA RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE APPLIED TO YOUTH ARE:

40 PERCENT - CU

30 PERCENT - USIA

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO,

ARCE AND FORDE FOUNDATION ARE, HOWEVER, LOGICAL, ACCEPTABLE
AND EFFECTIVE VEHICLES FOR DOING ALL THESE THINGS EVEN
WHILE OFFICIAL USG INSTITUTIONS AND PERSONNEL ARE
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